

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY  
Wildfire Mitigation Plans Discovery 2022  
Data Response**

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PG&E Witness:		Requester:	Will Abrams

**SUBJECT: PG&E WMP GAP ANALYSIS GIVEN KINCADE FIRE TESTIMONY AND  
SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

Expert Testimony: Mr. Gary Uboldi, Fire Captain Specialist Peace Officer with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection who has investigated over 400 wildfires across his 20+ year career

Expert Testimony: Mr. Joseph Hemstock, 38 Year as PG&E as Supervisory Inspector, Crew Foreman, Electrical Transmission Supervisor and other lead roles plus 10 years as PG&E consultant

Testimony Date: February 9, 2022 (See Attachment B: Pre-Trial Transcript)

**BACKGROUND TESTIMONY/EVIDENCE:**

Pg. 264 (lines 5-12)

“Q. What alert would go out so that someone would know it’s even arcing? A. Just the visual from people that work at the Geysers, you know, prior to CalPine and PG&E folks. There’s people on 24 hours. If they saw it, they would notify their folk at the Geysers. And then if it continued they’d get ahold of the Fulton operations center, and they would notify me.”

**QUESTION 29**

Is PG&E comfortable with this haphazard alerting practice or does a more standardized arcing alert need to be ingrained within their WMP and associated operations?

**ANSWER 29**

The cited testimony describes the witness’s experiences in “[19]93, ’4, ’95, somewhere in those three, four years.” (Tr. 260:27-28.) There is no testimony or evidence that PG&E currently has a “haphazard alerting practice” for arcing, or that PG&E’s arcing alerting practices in any way caused the Kincade Fire.

Under PG&E’s inspection guidance, contained in the Electric Transmission Preventive Maintenance Manual (or “ETPM”), arcing is to be immediately addressed. See “WMP-Discovery2022\_DR\_WilliamBAbrams\_002-Q28Atch01.pdf” (providing that signs of

“Arcing” require an “A tag” for immediate response). Though PG&E’s inspection guidance is designed, in part, to aid inspectors in identifying issues that create wildfire ignition risk, specific details regarding guidance given to PG&E’s inspectors is not typically included in the WMP, which primarily addresses wildfire mitigation work at the programmatic level. Section 7.3.4 of the 2022 WMP discusses PG&E’s asset management and inspection work.